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Expansion of Rail Lines
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have prepared any plan for laying of new railway lines in the country during the Twelfth Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, the details thereof including backward, hilly and desert areas of Rajasthan;

(c) whether the survey of laying new railway line from Jaisalmer to Kandla Port via Barmer and Ahmedabad has been carried out; and

(d) if so, the reasons for delay in commencement of new railway line to connect desert areas of Jaisalmer, Barmer and Jalore to Kandla Port?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) & (b): The target for laying New Lines in 12th Five Year Plan is 4000 km subject to availability of resources.

There are 8 ongoing New Line projects passing through the State of Rajasthan.

(c) & (d): To assess the feasibility and viability of Jaisalmer-Barmer-Kandla new line project, a survey from Jaisalmer to Bhabhar via Barmer have been completed in the year 2012-2013 as railway line already exists between Bhabhar and Kandla. As per the Survey reports, cost of 338.94 km new line has been assessed as `1303.7 crore with a negative rate of return. In view of its unremunerative in nature, heavy throwforward of ongoing projects and limited overall availability of resources the project has not been sanctioned. Ministry of Defence has also not agreed to fully finance the construction of Jaisalmer-Barmer line.
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